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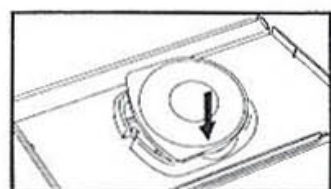


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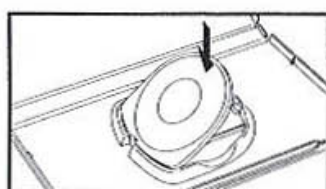
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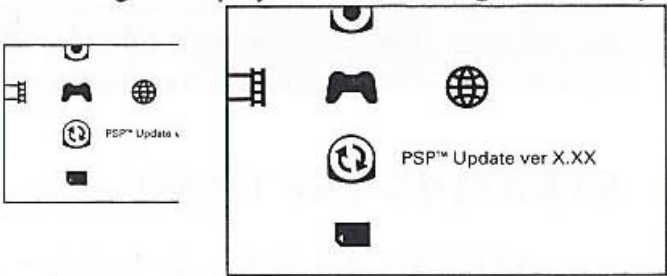
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This PSP® (PlayStation®Portable) Game includes System Software update data for the PSP® system. An update will be required if an “update request” message is displayed on-screen at game start-up.

Performing a System Software update

The update data is displayed with the icon shown here on the Home Menu.



By following the on-screen instructions, you can update the System Software of the PSP® system. Before performing the update, check the version number of the update data.

- During an update, do not remove the AC Adaptor.
- During an update, do not turn off the power or remove the PSP®Game.
- Do not cancel the update before completion as this may cause damage to the PSP® system.

Checking that the update was successful

Select “Settings” from the Home Menu, and then select the “System Settings” option. Select “System Information” and if the “System Software” version number displayed on-screen matches the version number of the update data, then the update was successful.

For details on System Software updates for the PSP® system, refer to the following website: yourpsp.com

PARENTAL CONTROL

This PSP®Game software has a preset Parental Control Level based on its content. You can set the Parental Control Level on the PSP® system to restrict the playback of a PSP®Game with a Parental Control Level that is higher than the level set on the PSP® system. For more information, please refer to the PSP® system Instruction Manual.

This game is classified according to the PEGI rating system. The PEGI rating marks and content descriptors are displayed on the game package (except where, by law, another rating system applies). The relationship between the PEGI rating system and the Parental Control Level is as follows:

PARENTAL CONTROL LEVEL	PEGI RATING AGE GROUP
9	18+
7	16+
5	12+
3	7+
2	3+

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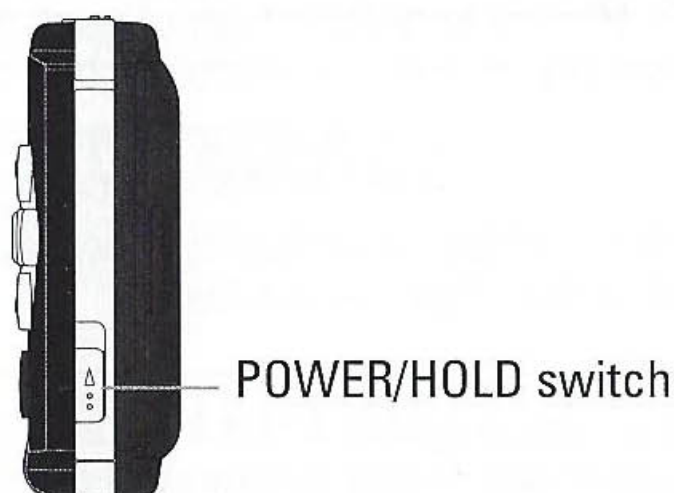
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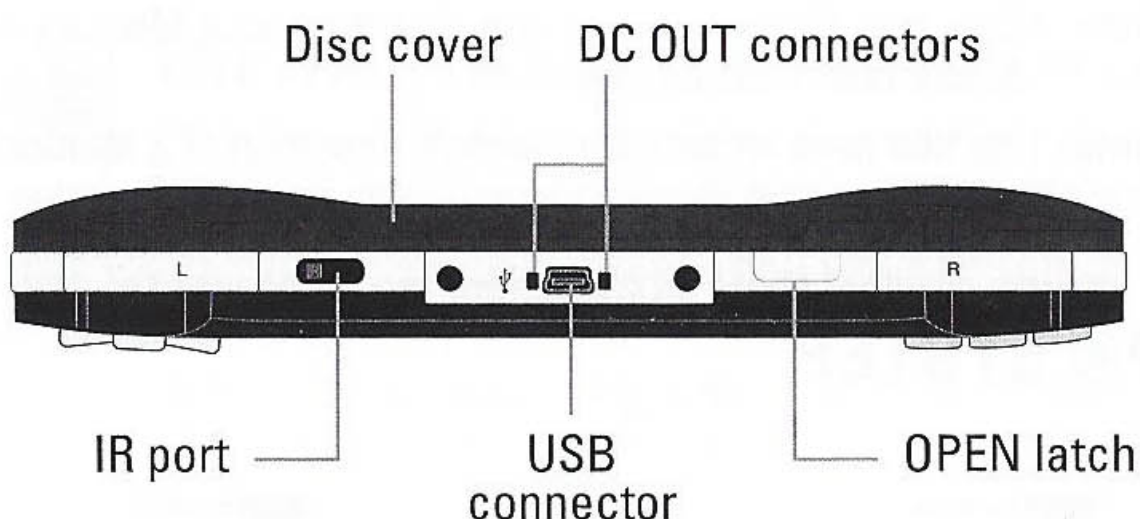
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STARTING THE GAME

RIGHT SIDE VIEW



TOP VIEW



1. Set up your PSP® (PlayStation®Portable) according to the instructions in the PSP® system Instruction Manual.
2. Turn the PSP® system on. The POWER indicator lights up in green and the Home Menu is displayed.
3. Press the OPEN latch to open the disc cover. Insert the *NBA LIVE 08* disc with the label facing the rear of the PSP® system and then securely close the disc cover.
4. From the Home Menu, select the  icon and then the  icon. A thumbnail for the software is displayed. Select the thumbnail and press the  button to start the software.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

Note: Do not eject a PSP®Game disc while it is playing.

MEMORY STICK DUO™

Warning! Keep the Memory Stick Duo™ out of reach of small children, as the Memory Stick Duo™ could be swallowed by accident.

Warning! Do not push the POWER/HOLD Switch whilst data is being uploaded from the PSP®Game disc as this may cause data corruption.

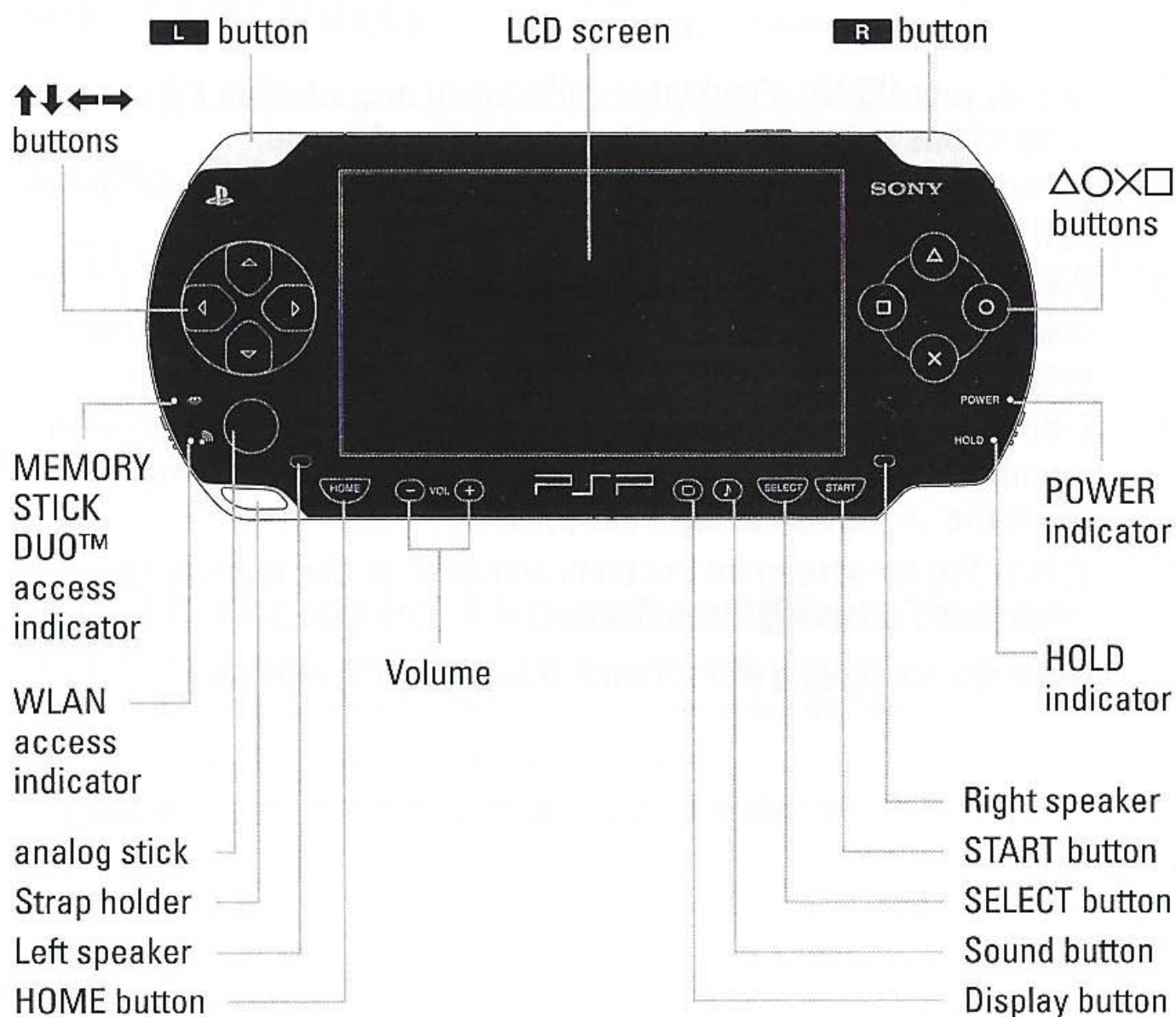
This title uses an autoload feature on boot up where any data present on the Memory Stick Duo™ will be autoloaded.

To save game settings and progress, insert a Memory Stick Duo™ into the Memory Stick Duo™ slot of your system. You can load saved game data from the same Memory Stick Duo™ or any Memory Stick Duo™ containing previously saved games.

Note: Make sure there is enough free space on your Memory Stick Duo™ before commencing play.

Note: This title uses an autosave feature. Insertion of a Memory Stick Duo™ after boot up may result in data being overwritten.

PSP® SYSTEM



WIRELESS (WLAN) FEATURES

Software titles that support Wireless (WLAN) functionality allow the user to communicate with other PSP® systems, download data and compete against other users via connection to a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN).



AD HOC MODE

Ad Hoc Mode is a Wireless (WLAN) feature that allows two or more individual PSP® systems to communicate directly with each other.



GAME SHARING

Some software titles feature Game Sharing facilities which enable the user to share specific game features with other users who do not have a PSP®Game in their PSP® system.



INFRASTRUCTURE MODE

Infrastructure Mode is a Wireless (WLAN) feature that allows the PSP® system to link to a network via a Wireless (WLAN) Access Point (a device used to connect to a Wireless network). In order to access Infrastructure Mode features, several additional items are required, including a subscription to an Internet Service Provider, a network device (e.g. a Wireless ADSL Router), a Wireless (WLAN) Access Point and a PC. For further information and setting up details, please refer to the PSP® system Instruction Manual.

COMPLETE CONTROLS

Get ready to take your game to the highest level in *NBA LIVE 08*. Mystify defenders and wow the crowd with a Go-To Move (see p. 10) and become the envy of the NBA.

GENERAL CONTROLS

Move player	analog stick
Turbo	R button (hold)
Quick Play™	←/→/↑/↓ buttons

OFFENCE

Shoot	○ button (press and hold to jump then release to shoot; tap to fake)
Pass (direction of the analog stick chooses receiver)	× button
Direct pass	L button (twice) + □ button, × button, ○ button or △ button
Dunk/Lay-up/Follow-in	○ button (double-tap to adjust your shot)
Freestyle dribble	□ button (tap)
Pro-hop	□ button (hold) + analog stick towards basket
Back down defender/Protect ball	△ button (hold)
Alley-oop pass (when team-mate has a clear lane to the basket)	× button + ○ button
Pause Game	START button
Call Timeout	SELECT button

MID-AIR REBOUNDS, TIPS AND DUNKS

Wipe the boards clean and take full control of a player while the ball is in midair.

Mid-air rebounds	△ button (hold when near basket)
Tip-slam	□ button (hold when near basket)
Tip-in	○ button (hold when near basket)

CALL-FOR-PASS INBOUNDING

Move pass receiver	analog stick
Call for pass	× button
Strategic player switch	
–Best 3-point shooter	← button
–Closest man to basket	↑ button
–Best free-throw shooter	→ button
–Best ball-handler	↓ button

ADDITIONAL LOW POST MOVES

To back your defender down, press and hold the $\triangle$ button and choose one of the following moves:

Slam dunk	analog stick toward basket + $\bigcirc$ button when close to the basket
Fade away jump shot	analog stick away from basket + $\bigcirc$ button
Power dribble (when stationary)	$\square$ button

OFF-BALL PLAY/PLAYER LOCKED

Use these controls when you don't have the ball.

Call for shot	$\bigcirc$ button (hold)
Call for pass	$\times$ button
Set screen	L button

FREE THROWS

Get help from the T-Meter™ when shooting free throws. For best accuracy, aim by pressing the $\times$ button, $\square$ button or $\bigcirc$ button when the cursor is near the centre of the blue meter. Next, press the $\times$ button, $\square$ button or $\bigcirc$ button again to determine the distance.

DEFENCE

Switch players (direction of the analog stick chooses receiver)	$\times$ button
Direct Swap	L button (twice) + $\square$ button, $\times$ button, $\bigcirc$ button or $\triangle$ button
Steal ball	$\square$ button
Take a charge	$\bigcirc$ button (tap when in position)
Defensive stance/Box out	$\bigcirc$ button (hold)
Jump to block/Rebound	$\triangle$ button
Intentional foul	SELECT button
Last Man Back	$\times$ button (hold)

Note: Use the Last Man Back feature to control the defender closest to your basket.

NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND

Come out ahead of your All-Star peers by using these moves during the All-Star events. For more information, see All-Star Weekend on p. 13.

3 POINT SHOOTOUT

Pick up ball	R button/ $\rightarrow$ button
Jump/Shoot	$\square$ button, $\times$ button, $\bigcirc$ button or $\triangle$ button (press to jump, release to shoot)

SLAM DUNK CONTEST (WHILE DRIBBLING/ON GROUND)

Are you an elevation sensation? Use these controls and let your imagination run wild as you jam home thunderous dunks.

Move player	analog stick
Ball toss	←/→/↑/↓ buttons
Toss modifiers	L button/ R button
1 Foot Gather	□ button
2 Foot Gather	○ button
1 Foot 180 Gather	△ button
2 Foot 180 Gather	× button
Toss off the left Jumbotron	SELECT button + L button + ←/→/↑/↓ buttons
Toss off the right Jumbotron	SELECT button + R button + ←/→/↑/↓ buttons
Toss off the crane camera	SELECT button + L button + R button + ←/→/↑/↓ buttons

SLAM DUNK CONTEST (IN AIR)

Rotate player (on 180 Gathers)	analog stick
Dunk modifiers	L button/ R button
Dunks	□ button/× button/○ button/ △ button (press to choose a dunk, hold and release to dunk) Note: Time your button release for more dramatic dunks.

EA MEDIA CENTER

Navigate screen	←/→/↑/↓ buttons
Select option	× button
Back out	△ button
Change song	L button/ R button

PLAYING THE GAME

Elevate your game, electrify the crowd and soar to the throne of the NBA by earning jewels for The Crown (see p. 9). It's your time to leave your best effort on the court during a Play Now game.

USER PROFILES

Keep track of your personal stats with a User Profile. An active User Profile saves Dynasty Mode™ statistics and other accomplishments and settings in various game modes to your Memory Stick Duo™.

Note: When creating a User Profile, unsupported characters will be replaced with the "?" symbol (when using the keyboard).

TEAM SELECT SCREEN

Set up a Play Now exhibition by choosing any two NBA, All-Star, Team adidas and FIBA teams for the upcoming game. Once the teams are set, you have the option to adjust the starting line-ups.

JERSEY SELECT SCREEN

Take the court in style and choose a Home, Away, or Alternate jersey prior to tip-off.

Note: Classic All-Star teams and classic jerseys can be unlocked (and are later available in all game modes).

SETTINGS

Select the skill level for the next game, along with quarter length, arena location and camera view. You can also adjust the rules and preferences from the Options screen (via the Pause menu).

ON THE HARDWOOD

NEW THE CROWN

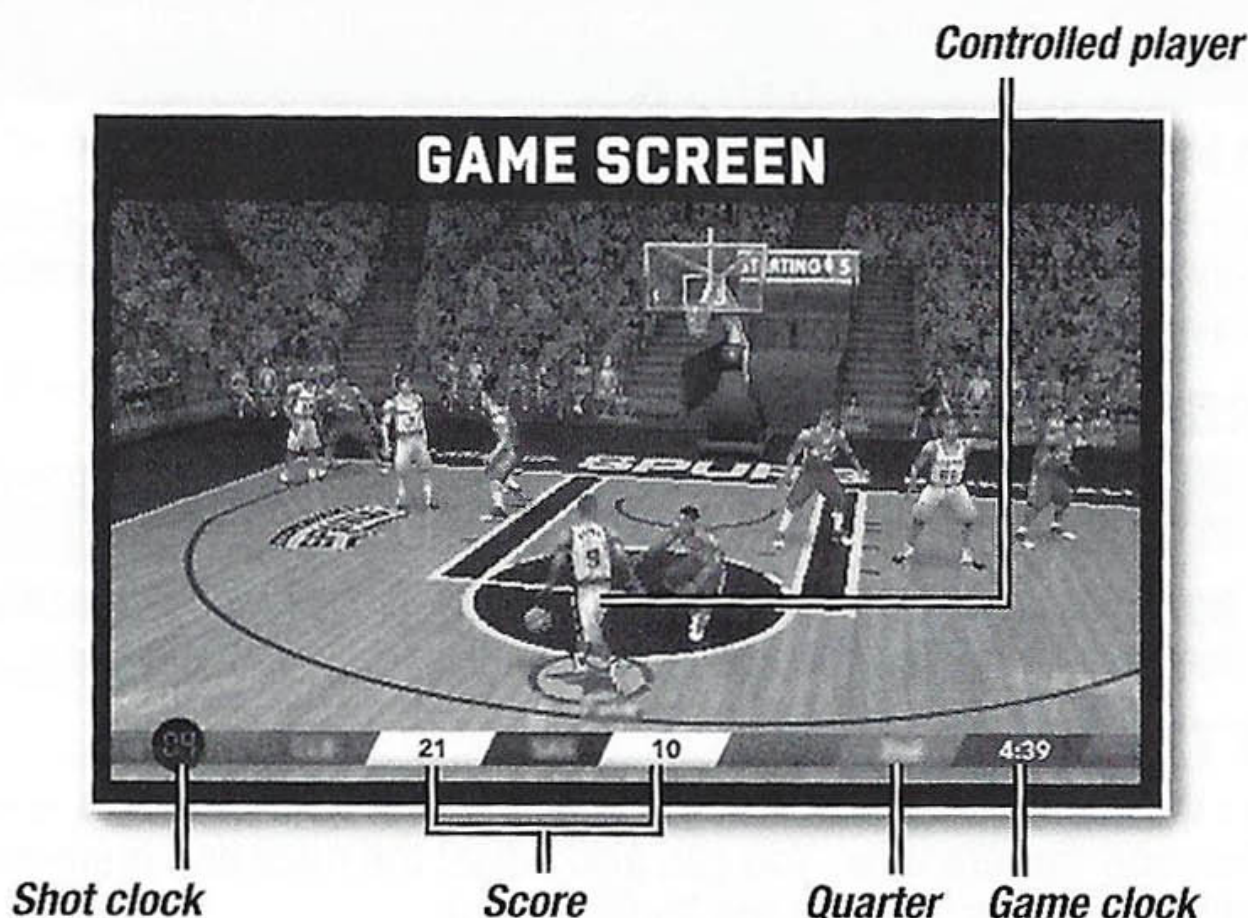
In *NBA LIVE 08*, transform into basketball royalty and earn rewards fit for a king with The Crown, an all-encompassing system that tallies your accomplishments and statistics in each of four game modes: 5-on-5, Manager Modes, All-Star and Mini-Games. Ascend to the throne and become a Legend.

Accomplishments The more accomplishments you complete, the more you unlock. Rise through the ranks even faster by taking on higher-level accomplishments, such as gold and platinum – these elevate your rank more swiftly than lower-level accomplishments. Accumulate accomplishments in each of the game modes and watch your crown become adorned with regal gems.

Unique Challenges If you are looking for perks, Unique Challenges give you plenty of opportunities to unlock enticing incentives as well as bolstering your rank. Complete these special objectives and earn Hardwood Classics game jerseys, gain access to

illustrious All-Star team rosters of decades gone by and seemingly countless other bonuses that will complement your rising status in the basketball hierarchy.

Go-To Player/Team Some players fill roles on the court while others establish themselves as the one who wants the game in his hands. See who your Go-To Player is by maximising his performance over a minimum of five games. You're not limited to individual players, either. Dominate with one team and turn a franchise into an upper echelon squad by becoming a Go-To Team.



NEW DOMINATE WITH YOUR GO-TO MOVE

Sometimes you have to create your own opportunities on the court, and nothing will get you to the hole with more showmanship than a Go-To Move. Your favourite signature ball handling and shooting techniques have been re-created, including familiar fadeaways, step-backs, dunks, put-backs and more. Take further command of the game by mastering the signature moves of the NBA's elite. If you're in the right spot, a superstar like Kobe Bryant will uncork his deadly accurate fadeaway shot. See what your star players can do and unveil your most dominating Go-To Move when you need it most in *NBA LIVE 08*.

ROLE ICONS

Every player fills a team's need with his style of play. Some players simply play the game while others own it. See what a player's speciality is with on-court role icons. Choose roles such as Generic, Star and Superstar for the appropriate scenario in a game.



Generic



Star



Superstar

QUICK PLAYS

Direct traffic on both ends of the court by calling a Quick Play. On offence, you can run Post Up, Isolation, Pick and Roll or Pick and Pop plays. On defence, the 2-3 Zone, Half Court Man-to-Man, Full Court Man-to-Man and Double Team defensive options are available.

Press the /// buttons on offence or defence to call a Quick Play. Double tap the /// buttons on offence to bring up a whole set of plays that can be customised via the Pause menu.

PLAYER LOCKED

Control players on the floor with or without the ball – call for passes, make a team-mate shoot or call a screen with the push of a button.

SAVING AND LOADING

When playing *NBA LIVE 08*, the all-new Autosave feature is ON by default. When ON, game information is automatically saved to your Memory Stick Duo™. You can disable/enable this feature on the Preferences screen.

When Autosave is ON, you must still manually save game progress before exiting Season, Playoffs and Dynasty modes.

- To save or load a file, select a storage location then highlight the file you wish to load. Once the file is selected, the game data is either loaded or saved.
- You have the option to create more than one User Profile.

Note: Deleting a Profile will cause any associated Dynasty, Season or Playoffs save files to become inaccessible.

Note: The maximum file sizes for the following game modes are as follows: Profile: 896KB; Dynasty: 960KB; Season: 864KB; Playoffs: 864KB.

Note: When copying save data from one Memory Stick Duo™ to another the save will be placed into the corresponding slot on the new Memory Stick Duo™ and will overwrite data that is in that slot.

EA™ MEDIA CENTER

Play your own songs and customise your playlist by putting MP3 tracks in the MUSIC folder on your Memory Stick Duo™. They will appear in the EA™ TRAX section of the EA™ Media Center menu as long as your Memory Stick Duo™ is inserted.

- Press the button to accept selection or to select/de-select an option within the EA TRAX playlist menu.
- Press the / buttons to scroll through playlist options or press the / buttons to scroll through music tracks within the EA TRAX playlist menu.
- Press the button to back out of any menu within the EA Media Center.

Note: The EA Media Center does not automatically update new content when you insert or change a Memory Stick Duo™. You must exit and re-enter EA Media Center before your songs appear.

GAME MODES

DYNASTY MODE™

Dynasty Mode operates on a year-round NBA calendar so be prepared to handle the duties on and off the court for multiple seasons. After choosing a team and selecting your settings, season one begins. Build your team from the ground up by hiring your coaching staff and conducting the draft. Before you start making key decisions, make sure you check your PDA (press the SELECT button) for messages from the league, team owner and more that can help determine the success of your franchise.

NBA DRAFT

You have the option to begin your tenure as GM by managing your team's draft day selections during the annual rookie draft. After evaluating your team roster, draft lottery and mock draft, decide which positions are in dire need of an upgrade then do what it takes to select the players you want most on draft day.

DURING THE SEASON

SCHEDULE/GM'S DESK/ROSTER MANAGEMENT

Play or simulate games by selecting your next opponent via the Schedule screen. From the Dynasty Central menu you will find the GM's Desk, Roster Management screen and more. For off-the-court news, view the list of free agents and more from the GM's desk. From the Roster Management screen you can reorder rosters, sign, release and trade players.

NEW DYNASTY SCENARIOS

To speed up your season, you may choose to simulate games. Occasionally events occur during a simulated game that require your immediate attention. When a Simulation Alert is delivered, you will have the option to interrupt the simulation rather than leaving the game's outcome to the AI.

TEAM CHEMISTRY

It's more important than ever to keep every player on your roster happy. To do so, make sure you balance playing time and get the ball in your superstar's hands when the game is on the line. Each player's happiness affects his overall performance and willingness to re-sign with your team after his contract expires.

OFF-SEASON

After the playoffs, it's time for all GMs to evaluate their respective teams for the upcoming season. Make sure you use the valuable information provided by your team scouts to help evaluate talent. Listen to their advice and read up on the incoming class before draft day. Making a bad choice could set your franchise back a few years.

After the Rookie Draft is complete, you have the chance to bid on and offer contracts to free agents. Financial security is the main selling point to many of the players, but don't break the bank to sign them – keep enough money in the budget in order to sign the key role players as well.

To manage your roster, you can also re-sign and release players from the line-up. After the free agent period ends and your roster is set, the new season begins.

SEASON

Play a 29-, 58-, or 82-game season and make your run for the championship. Select any team using current NBA rosters or assemble your squad through a Fantasy Draft. You can even randomise your schedule or customise your league by switching the teams in your division.

PLAYOFFS

It's the time of year when winning isn't everything – it's the only thing. The NBA Playoffs are here and your team is one of the few left standing. Take part in the most gruelling and exciting part of the season as your opponent tries to send you home with nothing but next season to look forward to. Participate in a traditional format or customise a tournament. Advance all the way to the Finals and hoist the championship trophy. Participate in a traditional format or customise a tournament – with or without a Fantasy Draft.

NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND

It's the NBA All-Star Weekend Big Easy style as the league's elite convene in New Orleans, Louisiana. Pit rising stars against each other with the rookies taking on sophomore players in the Rookie Challenge. See who can hit the most from downtown in 60 seconds during the 3-Point Shootout. Slam and jam your way to winning the Slam Dunk Contest. Finally, run alongside the best players in the league by taking part in the NBA All-Star Game. It's East v. West in this action-packed, winner-take-all game set in New Orleans Arena.

MINI-GAME MODES

Put on a clinic in these competitive mini-games and demonstrate who's got game.

2 Ball

Lay claim to having the purest jumper in the land in this pulse-pounding shooting game. Shoot from designated point areas around the floor and collect bonuses such as 4x and 2x multipliers to rack up points in a hurry. As a default, the first player to score 50 points wins, but that number can be changed to 25 or 75, as well.

Move player	analog stick
Shoot	○ button
Turbo	R button (hold)
Change track	L button

Handles

Complete combos to keep your dribble alive in this 10-level mini-game and astound with your hand-eye prowess as the difficulty increases.

Complete combos	←/→/↑/↓ buttons
Time shift	R button
Change music track	L button

MY NBA LIVE

Manage the way you see, play and hear the game with My NBA LIVE. Roster management, individual and team awards in the Hall of Fame, EA Media Center and options are accessible and ready for you to adjust to your style of play.